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Thursday, 10 November 2011, 3 p.m.

New York

President:	Mr. Cabral	(Portugal)
Members:	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Mr. Barbalić
	Brazil	Mr. Fernandes
	China	Mr. Yang Tao
	Colombia	Mr. Alzate
	France	Mrs. Le Fraper du Hellen
	Gabon	Mr. Moungara Moussotsi
	Germany	Mr. Berger
	India	Mr. Kumar
	Lebanon	Mr. Karanouh
	Nigeria	Mrs. Ogwu
	Russian Federation	Mr. Karev
	South Africa	Mr. Sangqu
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. McKell
	United States of America	Mr. Simonoff

Agenda

Election of five members of the International Court of Justice (S/2011/452, S/2011/453 and S/2011/454)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

Election of five members of the International Court of Justice (S/2011/452, S/2011/453 and S/2011/454)

The President: The Security Council will now proceed with the election of the one remaining member of the International Court of Justice, in accordance with Article 11 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice.

May I take it that the Council is now ready to proceed with the election of the one remaining member of the International Court of Justice?

It is so decided.

The Council will now proceed to a third ballot. I request the Conference Officer to distribute the ballot papers.

At the invitation of the President, Mrs. Onanga (Gabon) and Mr. Onowu (Nigeria) acted as tellers.

The President: Members of the Council should place an "X" in the box next to the name of the candidate for whom they wish to vote.

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The President: I take it that all the members of the Council have now voted and I ask the conference officer to collect the ballot papers.

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The President: All the ballot papers have been collected. I should like to remind Council members that in accordance with the established practice, the ballots will not be counted until it has been verified that the ballot papers in the General Assembly have also been collected. The Council will remain in session pending the receipt of that information.

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The President: I have now been informed that the ballot papers have been collected in the General Assembly. The counting of the ballots in the Security Council will now begin. The tellers will now count the ballots. As agreed in our consultations, there will be two independent countings of the ballots, one by each teller. I should like to remind Council members that, in accordance with established practice, I shall wait for the General Assembly to complete its count before I announce the results of the voting in the Security Council. The Council will remain in session.

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The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Number of ballot papers:	15
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	15
Number of abstentions:	0
Required majority:	8
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Abdul G. Koroma	8
Ms. Julia Sebutinde	7

I wish to inform the Council that I have received from the President of the General Assembly the following letter:

> "I have the honour to inform you that, at the 55th plenary meeting of the General Assembly, held today for the purpose of electing five members of the International Court of Justice, the following candidate obtained an absolute majority of votes in the General Assembly: Ms. Julia Sebutinde."

Accordingly, no candidate has received the required majority of votes in the Council and in the General Assembly. As fewer than five candidates have received the required absolute majority of votes in both the Council and the General Assembly, the Council shall proceed to a fourth ballot for the remaining vacancy, in accordance with Article 11 of the Statute of the Court. I shall adjourn this meeting, and call to order the fourth meeting to elect a candidate by further ballot, after a brief recess to allow for the preparation of new ballots.

The meeting was adjourned at 4.45 p.m.